

384th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

6 JUNE 2022



MARRIOTT COPLEY PLACE HOTEL
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



ANCIENT AND HONORABLE
ARTILLERY CO.
of MASSACHUSETTS

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM CPT ROBERT A. IMLACH, CC

My fellow Ancients and honored guests,

I am pleased to welcome you to the 384th June Day Anniversary Banquet of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Massachusetts. This is the time we can remember and celebrate as my Command Year comes to a close.

The 2021 - 2022 Command Year was one of excitement and many challenges.

After nearly 18 months of being shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company has emerged better than ever. From making sure our Armory was made safe for in-person meetings to resume, to completely reworking the FFDTD trip by moving it to March of 2022, the Company weathered the storm and is back stronger than ever.

Despite various hindrances, we were able to continue to maintain our traditions. The Fourth of July parade and annual reading of the Declaration of Independence from the balcony of the Old State House were observed by thousands. The Fall Shoot was once again a sold - out event. We provided an Honor Guard at the Governor's Veterans Day celebration. We marched with over 60 Ancients in the return to the Plymouth Thanksgiving Day parade, witnessed by over 200 thousand! Another great traditional event came back with the Lieutenant's Ball, which was truly enjoyed by all who attended. We also provided an Honor Guard for the final State of the Commonwealth address from Governor Baker. We once again marched in the Patriots Day Parades in both Boston and Lexington.

We continued our service to the community throughout the year with events such as the Toys for Tots drive, donations to the Homeless Veterans services, as well as support to the Veterans Services organizations in Greater Boston area.



Some highlights of the FFDTD featured us visiting Barcelona, a fantastic city. There we were treated to a private organ recital in the Crypt of Sagrada Familia. We also attended Mass there on Sunday morning. We had the Honor of being seated at the front of the Cathedral and I read a prayer from the pulpit during the service.

Our 384th FFDTD Banquet was held in the El Palace Hotel in Barcelona. In attendance was the American Consul General, Ms. Katie Stana, the Keynote Speaker for the evening. Also attending were American Political Affairs Officer in Barcelona, Mr. Steven Bremner, as well as the Army Attaché, LTC Inga Emery. We were honored to receive 26 Spanish dignitaries from both the military and civil officials.

In Valencia, we laid a wreath at the Military Museum of Valencia to commemorate both American and Spanish Veterans. Joining us at this special event was the Spanish Army. We attended the 254th Las Fallas Celebration which translates to "The Fire". This tradition features a fireworks display every day during the event which is meant to chase out winter and welcome spring. Facta non Verba indeed!

It has been my great honor, privilege and pleasure to Command our historic Company this year. I can not thank my staff, the Iberian Knight SGTs, and most of all, our members enough for your support and confidence. Thanks to you all, my job was made easier due to your faith in both me and in the future of the Company.

Tonight, I pass on the Command of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Massachusetts to our 314th Captain Commanding, CPT Thomas Goodfellow. I am pleased to extend my personal best wishes and those of the Membership to CPT Goodfellow, who I am certain will be a great Captain Commanding.

Thank you all once again, FACTA NON VERBA

CPT Robert A. Imlach, Jr.

313th Captain Commanding

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY
OF MASSACHUSETTS
Chartered in 1638

The First Military Company Chartered in the Western Hemisphere

As the settlements which followed the landing at Plymouth increased and spread across Massachusetts, there was no organized military force for protection against the Indians. So-called "Train Bands" were formed in different settlements, but these were only local volunteer companies and there was no joint action or centralized authority. A number of settlers had been members of the Honorable Artillery Company of London (organized and chartered in 1537) and it was natural that the military training they had received in that Company should lead them to desire to form a similar organization in the new country. In 1637 the Company was formed for the instruction in discipline and tactics. Upon petition, Governor Winthrop and The Great and General Court of the Commonwealth granted a Charter in March 1638. On the first Monday in June following, an election of Officers was held on Boston Common. Since that time, the Company has maintained the tradition of having its annual election on Boston Common on the first Monday in June by casting their votes on the Drum Head

Since 1746, the Headquarters of the Ancients has been located in Faneuil Hall, an Historic edifice known to all Americans. In the Armory, the Company maintains a unique Military Museum and Library, which is without equal in the United States. Here are relics of every war in which the Country has engaged since settlement. The Armory is open to the public daily and many thousands of visitors from every part of the world register every year in the guest book.

Members of the Company trod the fields of every battlefield of New England; they fought for freedom on foreign soil; they judged the courts; they pleaded at the bar; they instituted town government and leveled forests; were active in settling the towns of the frontier.

Members of The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company have served in every battlefield from Bunker Hill to Yorktown, the War of 1812 and the Civil War, both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and its members still serve at home and abroad today.

This is the same Company that Washington knew, that Franklin saw march through the streets of Boston, that John Adams and John Quincy Adams visited, that has had ten members who received the nation's highest military decoration -the Medal of Honor - and has had four of its members serve in the world's most important office, President of the United States: Presidents James Monroe, Chester Alan Arthur, Calvin Coolidge and John F. Kennedy, the same Company which has always will stand for, and always will stand for, the best in citizenship.

**JUNE DAY REGULAR TOASTS
2022**

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES**

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH

THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN

**ARMED FORCES OF
THE UNITED STATES**

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS**

THE CITY OF BOSTON

**THE HONOURABLE ARTILLERY
COMPANY OF LONDON**

**THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE
ARTILLERY COMPANY
OF MASSACHUSETTS**

384TH JUNE DAY ANNIVERSARY DINNER MENU

SALAD

**Hearts of Romaine, Charred Marinated
Onions, Blistered Tomatoes, Feta cheese,
Honey Balsamic Vinaigrette**

ENTRÉE

**Braised Short Ribs, Sweet Potato,
Seasonal Vegetables,
Spiced Braising Jus**

DESSERT

**Vanilla Cheesecake
Sugar Cookie Crumbs, Berry Compote**

**BG John J. Driscoll
Land Component Commander
MAARNG, Hanscom AFB Bedford, MA**



John J. Driscoll was born in Boston and raised in Melrose, graduating from Pope John HS in Everett in 1984, and Northeastern University in 1989 with a Mechanical Engineering degree as an Army ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate. He served on active duty from 1990-1993 A Field Artillery officer on active duty with the 3/82 FA, 1st Cavalry Division at Ft Hood, TX from 1990 to 1993 and deployed in Operation Desert Shield/Storm as the Company FSO D Company 1-5 CAV and served as a Fire Direction Officer, FA Platoon Leader and Asst BN Targeting Officer. In 1994, he left active duty and was appointed into the MAARNG to the 1st BN 104th Infantry Regiment headquartered in Westfield, serving as Mortar Platoon Leader, Rifle Platoon Leader, Support Platoon Leader, Company XO, HHC commander, S3, and BN XO.

From 1998 to 2011, he served in Recruiting and Retention Command twice, ending with 36 months in Command, the State Mobilization Office, 1-104th IN BN Administrative Officer, 26th BDE S4, UMASS Army ROTC.

From 2011-2017 he was 1-181 Infantry Battalion Commander, MEDCOM Administrative Officer, Deputy G1, G1, Director of Personnel for the MA Army National Guard and Commandant of the 101st Regional Training Institute at Joint Base Cape Cod. From DEC 2017 to NOV 2018, he was the Chief of Operations at CENTCOM, returning in DEC 2018 to take command of the Massachusetts Army National Guard as the Land Component Commander.

BG Driscoll graduated Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Infantry Advance Course, Combined Armed Service Staff College, Command & General Staff College; Joint Professional Military Education, Dual Status Commander's Course, and the US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania.

He holds numerous awards with his greatest achievement of marrying Dr. Merribeth Morin who he met playing hockey his senior year of college, now in his 28th season of marriage. Visiting all seven continents with his bride, he enjoys travel, hockey, learning, and meeting people. Every Sunday between Labor Day and Easter, he is found usually at right wing, while Merribeth anchors the goaltending in the Western MA elite Sunday night beer league. When not on the ice, Merribeth is working on a COVID Drug and Ebola vaccine at Ridgeback Pharmaceuticals.

HONOR ROLL OF LIVING PAST COMMANDERS

265th	BG Robert L. Marr	1974-1975	Moscow/Copenhagen/Ireland
280th	LTC M. Joseph DeMatteo	1988-1989	Munich/Berlin
281st	BG Joseph A. Milano	1989-1990	Washington DC/Tokyo/Bangkok
285th	COL Ernest C. Caggiano	1993-1994	Portugal/Malta/Sicily
290th	COL John Arthur Moore	1998-1999	Ottawa/Banff/Vancouver
293rd	CPT Joseph C. Benoit	2001-2002	Cayman/Belize/Mexico/Honduras
294th	BG Stuart P. Tauber	2002-2003	Budapest/Bratislava/Vienna
295th	CPT George M. Morrison	2003-2004	Scotland/Iceland
297th	CPT Paul E. Morrill	2005-2006	Cape Town/Zambia
298th	CPT Daniel G. May	2006-2007	Buenos Aries
299th	CPT John E. Bradley	2007-2008	Bucharest/Portsmouth, UK
300th	CPT Jerome V. Sweeney	2008-2009	Beijing, China/Bangkok, Thailand
303rd	CPT Paul J. Covell	2011-2012	Poland/Ireland
304th	CPT Paul M. Collela	2012-2013	Moscow/St Petersburg
305th	CPT Francis J. Magaletta	2013-2014	London/Madrid
306th	CPT Gerard C. McCarthy	2014-2015	Prague/Munich
307th	CPT Domenic A. Previte	2015-2016	Rome/Malta
308th	BG Robert E. Welch	2016-2017	San Diego/Honolulu
309th	CPT Dennis C. O'Brien	2017-2018	France/Belgium
310th	LTC Charles J. McCarthy	2019-2019	Washington, DC/Gettysburg/Antietam
311th	CPT Nicholas Schiarizzi	2019-2020	Zagreb/Split/Dubrovnik
313th	CPT Robert A. Imlach, Jr.	2021-2022	Barcelona / Valencia Spain